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Dear Attorney Hesse:

Please support the settlement agreement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department lawyers. This case has gone on too long, and wasted too much of the taxpayers money. With a recession and international crises going on, it should be obvious that our government has better things to do that harass a company that has created thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in wealth.

My company is decidedly low-tech but we use the products of Microsoft and its competitors on a daily basis. I cannot for the life of me see how anyone can see antitrust activity anywhere in that industry. No sector of the economy could be more fluid, changing and open to new ideas and businesses. I understand why the Justice Department must regulate the business world to prevent abuses, but they need to do so with a little more common sense.

This settlement proposal provides a very convenient opportunity to end this case, once and for all, so that those in the high-tech industry and us in the low-tech industries can get back to the business of creating jobs and growing the economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Routhier

